GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONTRIBUTION OF SSI SECTOR IN EXPORT
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): the share of small scale industry in comparison to the organized sector in export as on date;

(b): the details of contribution thereof in generating employment opportunities and creation of assets in the country by the SSI Sector; and;

(c): the details of long term policy prepared by the Govt. for the development of small scale industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Based on information collected from the various Export Promotion Councils, the share of small scale industries in the total exports for the year 2002-03 is 34.03 per cent. Separate data on exports from the organized sector are not available.

(b): Based on the Third All India Census of Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector conducted with the reference year of 2001-02, the estimated number of persons employed and fixed capital invested in the SSI sector, as on 31.03.2004, were 271.36 lakh and Rs. 170726 crore respectively.

(c): The promotion and development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. To assist the State Governments and supplement their efforts in this regard, the Central Government has announced policy packages from time to time and been implementing several scheme. The last policy package was announced on 30 August, 2000. As declared in the national Common Minimum Programme, the Central Government is in the process of formulating legislation as well as a promotional package for this sector.